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: Tapered Laser Rods As A Means Of Minimizing The Path Length Of

Trapped Barrel Mode Rays

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed January 15, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: